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To modify the rate of basic pay and the classification of positions for certain United States Border Patrol agents, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 29, 1999

Mr. KYL (for himself, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. ABRAHAM, and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Border Patrol Recruit-
5 ment and Retention Act of 1999”.

6 **SEC. 2. BORDER PATROL AGENT PAY AND CLASSIFICATION.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Any Border Patrol agent classi-
8 fied in a GS–1896 position who completes a 1-year period
9 of service at a GS–9 grade and whose current rating of

1 record is fully successful or higher shall be classified at
2 a GS–11 grade and receive pay at the minimum rate of
3 basic pay for a GS–11 position.

4 (b) NONREDUCTION.—Subsection (a) shall not be
5 construed to—

6 (1) limit or reduce the rate of pay of any Bor-
7 der Patrol agent; or

8 (2) reclassify a Border Patrol agent at a lower
9 classification of position.

10 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall take effect
11 on the first day of the first applicable pay period beginning
12 on or after the later of—

13 (1) October 1, 1999; or

14 (2) 120 days after the date of the enactment of
15 this Act.

16 **SEC. 3. OFFICE OF BORDER PATROL RECRUITMENT AND**
17 **RETENTION.**

18 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 90 days after
19 the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner of
20 the Immigration and Naturalization Service shall establish
21 an Office of Border Patrol Recruitment and Retention
22 within the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

23 (b) FUNCTIONS.—The Office of Border Patrol Re-
24 cruitment and Retention shall—

1 (1) develop outreach programs to identify and
2 recruit prospective Border Patrol agents;

3 (2) develop programs to retain Border Patrol
4 agents; and

5 (3) submit recommendations to the Commis-
6 sioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Serv-
7 ice relating to pay and benefits of Border Patrol
8 agents.

9 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 150 days
10 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commissioner
11 of the Immigration and Naturalization Service shall sub-
12 mit a report to the Congress on the establishment and
13 activities of the Office of Border Patrol Recruitment and
14 Retention.

15 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated \$50,000,000
17 for fiscal year 2000 and such sums as necessary for each
18 fiscal year thereafter to carry out this Act.

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